

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 5, after line 23, please insert the following new paragraphs:

Figs. 39A and 40A are enlarged fragmentary schematic top plan views of the panel surface areas of Figs. 39 and 40, respectively, showing the different angular orientations of the reflective or refractive light extracting surfaces of the deformities along the length and width of the panel surface areas;

Figs. 39B and 40B are enlarged fragmentary schematic top plan views similar to Figs. 39A and 40A, respectively, except that they show a plurality of light sources optically coupled to different portions of the width of the input edge of the panel surface areas and the reflective or refractive light extracting surfaces of different ones of the deformities at different locations across the panel surface areas oriented at different angles to face different portions of the input edge to which the different light sources are optically coupled;

Page 16, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 with the following replacement paragraph:

In Figs. 16 and 17 the peripheral edge portions 103 of the reflective/refractive light extracting surfaces 101 and associated end walls or surfaces 104 are curved in the transverse direction. Also, in Figs. 18 and 19 the end walls 104 of the deformities 98 are shown extending substantially perpendicular to the reflective/refractive surfaces 101 of the deformities. Alternatively, such end walls 104 may extend substantially perpendicular to the panel surface areas 22 as schematically shown in Figs. 20 and 21. This virtually eliminates any projected

surface area of the end walls 104 on the panel surface areas 22 whereby the density of the deformities on the panel surface areas may be even further increased. In either case, the surfaces 101 and 104 of each of the deformities 98 intersect the panel surface 22 and intersect each other to form a ridge 103 as shown in Figs. 18 and 19.

Page 19, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

Figs. 39 and 40 schematically show different angular orientations of light extracting deformities 135 of any desired shape along the length and width of a panel surface area 22. For example the deformities 135 may be of the shape shown in Figs. 16-21 each including a reflective or refractive light extracting surface 101' and an end wall surface 104', both of which intersect the panel surface 22 and intersect each other as shown in Figs. 39A and 40A. In Fig. 39 the light extracting deformities 135 are arranged in straight rows 136 along the length of the panel surface area but the reflective or refractive surfaces 101' of the deformities in each of the rows are oriented to face the light source 3 so that the reflective or refractive surfaces 101' of all of the deformities are substantially in line with the light rays being emitted from the light source 3 across the width and length of the panel surface 22 as schematically shown in Fig 39A. In Fig. 40 the deformities 135 are also oriented so that the reflective or refractive surfaces 101' of the deformities face the light source 3 across the width and length of the panel surface as schematically shown in Fig. 40A similar to Fig. 39. In addition,

the rows 137 of deformities in Fig. 40 are in substantial radial alignment with the light source.

Page 5, after line 9, please insert the following new paragraph:

Figs. 39B and 40B show a plurality of light sources 3 optically coupled to different portions of the width of the input edge of the panel surface areas 22 and the reflective or refractive light extracting surfaces 101' of different ones of the deformities 135 at different locations across the panel surface areas oriented at different angles to face different portions of the input edge to which the different light sources are optically coupled.